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Wylie Police Report Drop in Crime Rate

Wylie, TX – The Wylie Police Department (WPD) reports that the City's 2013 crime rate per 1,000 population decreased by 12% from 2012 figures despite a 1% increase in population.

"Every citizen of Wylie should be grateful to these men and women who are willing to put on a uniform daily and stand in harm's way," says Mayor Eric Hogue. "The decrease in crime rate is a reflection of the outstanding work and commitment of our police department."

Crime rate numbers are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system defined as the number of crimes committed per 1,000 population. Part I crimes are comprised of seven offenses, broken down into two categories. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault; property crime includes burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of Part I Crimes reported to the police by the population. In 2013 there were a total of 616 Part One Crimes reported to Wylie Police. Wylie's estimated 2013 population is 44,089; the result is a Part One crime rate of 13.97 Part I Crimes for every 1,000 Wylie residents.

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In 2013, violent crime per 1,000 population was up 15% from 2012. There were a total of 35 violent crimes reported to Wylie Police in 2013; up from 30 in 2012. Property crime per 1,000 population saw a decrease of 13% over 2012 figures. There was also a decrease of 7% in the "All Other Crimes" category that includes offenses not listed as a Part I offense.

CATEGORY	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Violent Crimes						
Homicide	0	1	1	1	2	1
Rape	15	6	10	2	1	9
Robbery	4	4	5	17	5	5
Aggravated Assault	29	17	18	25	22	20
Violent Crime Subtotal	48	28	34	45	30	35
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000	1.179	0.675	0.805	1.05	0.69	0.79
Property Crimes						
Burglary	144	162	143	153	111	88
Larceny	516	499	563	566	514	470
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	33	33	23	38	23
Property Crime Subtotal	690	694	739	742	663	581
Property Crime Rate per 1,000	16.94	16.77	17.49	17.33	15.2	13.18
Total Major crimes UCR	738	723	773	787	693	616
Major Crime Rate per 1,000	18.15	17.43	18.3	18.38	15.94	13.97
Total all other crimes	1356	1466	1107	1050	1356	1256
Calls for Service	26,839	28,343	27,823	26,608	29,203	29,148
Average Response Time (minutes)	4:54	5:49	6:27	6:56	6:28	5:15
Traffic						
Fatality Crashes	2	4	1	1	1	1
Major Accident	174	174	196	181	215	244
Minor Accident	300	442	465	433	435	419
Population	40,709	41,461	42,232	42,804	43,481	44,089

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Crime Rate statistics are a snapshot of reported criminal activity in our community. The Wylie Police Department is well aware that these statistics are meaningless to those that are victims of crime. Though the overall outlook is positive it cannot detract from those that have had the misfortune of becoming victims of crime.

For more information on programs, or questions about this report, please contact Sergeant Donna Valdepena, (972) 442-4333 or email donna.valdepena@wylietexas.gov.

Additional UCR information and data is available at http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.